



IN LIEU OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-15: Cancelled

16. (Currently Amended) A method of providing [[fresh]] potatoes unaltered by processing for consumption by a consumer located remotely from a packaging facility, comprising the steps of:

(a) packaging at said packaging facility one or more [[fresh]] potatoes unaltered by processing within a container of suitable construction to be placed in and withstand a cooking environment capable of cooking [[fresh]] potatoes unaltered by processing; and

(b) distributing said container to [[a]] said consumer located remotely from said packaging facility.

17. (As filed) The method of claim 16 and further, wherein said container is constructed from microwaveable plastic and includes a tray and a cover.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 and further, wherein step (a) includes the sub-step of providing instructions for cooking said [[fresh]] potatoes unaltered by processing.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 and further, wherein said instructions include the recommended time for cooking said [[fresh]] potatoes unaltered by processing within said container within said cooking environment.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 and further, wherein step (a) includes the further sub-step of providing a composition for preparing said [[fresh]] potatoes unaltered by processing for final consumption, wherein said composition is disposed within said container.

21. (As filed) The method of claim 20 and further, wherein said composition comprises at least one of butter, margarine and a dressing.

22. (As filed) The method of claim 20 and further, wherein said composition is disposed within a package within said container.

23. (As filed) The method of claim 22 and further, wherein said package is removed from said container prior to cooking.

24. (As filed) The method of claim 20 and further, wherein said composition is disposed within said container during cooking.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 and further, wherein step (a) includes the sub-step of cleaning said one or more [[fresh]] potatoes unaltered by processing prior to being placed within said container.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25 and further, wherein said one or more [[fresh]] potatoes unaltered by processing are cleaned three times prior to being placed within said container.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 and further comprising the step of providing at least one article for facilitating consumption of said [[fresh]] potatoes unaltered by processing disposed within said container.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 27 and further, wherein said at least one article for facilitating consumption of said [[fresh]] potatoes unaltered by processing comprises at least one of a utensil and a napkin.

29. (As filed) The system of claim 28 and further, wherein said utensil comprises at least one of a knife, fork, and spoon.

30. (As filed) The system of claim 28 and further, wherein said napkin comprises at least one of a dry napkin and a napkin treated with a cleaning composition.